



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

December 18, 2003

176-SEP

In re the Application of

Kazuhisa KUNITAKE et al.

Group Art Unit: 1764

Application No.: 09/976,111

Examiner: B. Ridley

Filed: October 15, 2001

Docket No.: 110497

For: FUEL REFORMING APPARATUS AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING SAME

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired November 18, 2003, an extension of time for a period of 1 month is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 149391 in the amount of \$110.00 in payment for:

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two copies of this petition are enclosed.

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

In reply to the August 18, 2003 Office Action, the period for reply being extended to December 18, 2003, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Specification;

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims;

Amendments to the Drawings include an attached replacement sheet; and

Remarks.